

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A keyboard mode is switched according to the determination of a finger contact on a touch sensitive pad to assign mouse buttons to specific keys, such as the F and J keys, on the keyboard. The user can use the touch sensitive pad without separating the hands from the home positions. Keys other than the F and J keys can be substituted for the mouse buttons as desired. The touch sensitive pad can be used as a shift key, and the function thereof can be temporarily assigned to a key on the keyboard.